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SUBJECT: PLO OBSERVER STATUS

REF: GENEVA 1199

1. DEPT WISHES TO DISCOURAGE UN SECRETARIAT FROM TAKING ANY ACTION NOW IN REGARD TO THE PLO THAT WOULD ESTABLISH OR ENHANCE THEIR STATURE IN NEW YORK OR GENEVA WHILE THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS ARE DEVELOPING AND WHEN THE RESUMPTION OF THE MEPC IN GENEVA IS POSSIBLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. OPENING OF A PLO UN OBSERVER OFFICE IN GENEVA IMMEDIATELY BEFORE PEACE CONFERENCE MIGHT REOPEN COULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE UN AND THE US.

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2. OUR OWN POLICY IN REGARD TO PLO OBSERVER STATUS IN NEW YORK IS STILL UNDER REVIEW. WE ASSUME SECRETARIAT POLICY IS ALSO STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION AND THEY MAY BE AWAITING INFORMATION ON US POSITION BEFORE DECIDING ON HOW THEY WILL HANDLE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PLO REQUESTS IN NEW YORK AND IN GENEVA.

3. UNLESS THERE ARE COMPELLING REASONS FOR NOT DOING SO, DEPT WOULD LIKE USUN TO CONFER WITH SUY ON HIS RETURN FROM VIENNA IN REGARD TO OUR VIEWS ON INAPPROPRIATENESS OF

OPENING PLO OBSERVER OFFICE IN GENEVA AT THIS TIME. FULLER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WHICH WE CONSIDER DESIRABLE WILL BE POSSIBLE WHEN US REVIEW IS COMPLETE. INGERSOLL

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